THE VOICE OF THE ORIENT

A Hindu reformer,, on returning from a tour in Europe and America, was welcomed home by an enormous concourse of twenty thousand of his compatriots in Calcutta. In his first address to them he said that what had most impressed him abroad was that while India resounded with the cry of the child widow, in the West the air was heavy with the sob of the celibate.

In this connection I have often wondered if this social evil of the enforced celibacy of the upper classes of English women is part of a collective Karma which they are working out as expiation for the sexual sins of the women of the Roman nation.

We are taught that the law of Karma, the rewarding for good and evil done in the past, operates with nations as well as with indivi-duals. We are also taught that crowds of Romans are reincarnated in the English race and to that fact is due the great similarity between the two races. History repeats itself in the colonisating, extending tendencies of the

British, as in the days of Imperial Rome, and in the modern awakening of psychic research exactly as in the days of the Neo-Platonists. Just as in modern England the flower of the

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